Drilling is proposed at the following places in Andhra Pradesh:—

1. Votlapalam
2. Vadali
3. Palletikurru
4. Chintalapalli.

Contract for IC process complex in Bombay High

25. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a final decision has been taken regarding the contract for IC process complex in Bombay High;

(b) if so, the particulars of the party to whom the contract has been given for fabrication and installation of IC process complex and the terms and conditions of the contract;

(c) whether it is a fact that the contract has been given to the party on enhanced prices and not on the original prices as quoted by the party; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The contract for the turnkey completion of the ICP/ICW platforms has been awarded to M/s. Hyundai Heavy Industries at a cost of US $ 166,084,330 plus French Francs 24,880,710.

(c) and (d) The award of the contract could not be finalised within the validity of the original offer made by the firm as efforts were made for obtaining a counter-trade against this contract. The contract was subsequently awarded to this party with a counter-rade stipulation, at a higher price but still lower than the prices of the other bidders.

ONGC to set up joint research centre

26. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the O.N.G.C. propose to set up a joint research centre, the first of its kind, in collaboration with Schlumberger, a Paris-based firm to provide interesting techniques to collect seismic data for oil exploration and production in India and whether an agreement has been signed for this; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and also the reasons for selecting the particular firm?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) The proposed centre will conduct research in wireline well logging to develop and improve wireline logging tools, techniques and softwares with the assistance of 'Schlumberger'.

(ii) The centre will have equity participation in the ratio of 60:40 between ONGC and Schlumberger.

(iii) The centre will be managed by a five member Board of Governors of whom three will be nominees of ONGC and two that of Schlumberger.

(iv) The centre will own all refinements/developments of new technology and Schlumberger and ONGC shall be entitled to commercially exploit these refinements,

within India without any fees to the Research Centre.

M/s. Schlumberger are the pioneers in the field of logging operations and development of new logging techniques and software. They have been conducting logging operations for ONGC, with specific logging tools and sensors developed by them, for about 25 years in various areas and have been found very effective. Several new advances with the equipment and data processing and interpretation techniques have recently been developed by them. These have been found to throw new light on several problems of reservoir detection and evaluation in Indian fields.

Announcement by Prime Minister in Mizoram during elections

27. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Election Commission of India had asked the Government to clarify some of the announcements made by the Prime Minister in Mizoram and some other States regarding Central help and grants when he was there on an election campaign;

(b) if so, what were the clarifications received and whether it violates the Code of Conduct expected to be observed during elections; and

(c) the follow-up action taken in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some of the clarifications which had so far been received by the Election Commission indicate that there had been no violation of the Model Code of Conduct.

(c) Does not arise.

Investment in Central and State Government Public Sector Projects

28. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central and State Government Public Sector Projects and the total investment so involved; and

(b) the average annual net profit/loss due to these projects in each of the last 3 Plan periods and also in each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) As per the Public Enterprises Survey 1985-86, placed on the Table of the House on the 27th February, 1987 the total investment in 225 central public enterprises as on 31.3.1986 amounted to Rs. 50341 crores. State Government undertakings do not come under the purview of the Central Government.

(b) Yearwise information regarding net profit/loss of the Central Public enterprises is available in the Public Enterprises Surveys of the respective years placed on the Table of the House.

Direct election for Chief Executive

29. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a survey